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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET CULTURAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISEHD LETTERS JANUARY 18 WICH ATTACK SOLZHENITSYN BUT DO NOT CALL FOR HIS PUNISHMENT. TWO FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOURNALS BLASTED WESTERN "COLD WARRIORS" WHO USE SOLZHENITSYN TO TRY TO UNDERMINE
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DETENTE. BOTH ALSO ATTACK RADIO LIBERTY, EMPHASIZING CIA

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CONNECTION, BUT INDICATE THAT USIA AND VOA ARE ACTING IN
MORE RESTRAINED MANNER IN LIGHT OF IMPROVED RELATIONS.

2. SOVIETSKAYA KULTURA, SEMI-WEEKLY CULTURAL NEWSPAPERS OF
CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE PUBLISHED JANUARY 18 FOUR BACK-PAGE
LETTERS FROM READERS IN RESPONDE TO PRAVA JANAUR 14 ATTACK
ON SOLZHENITSYN (REFTEL). LETTERS, WHICH ARE SIGNED BY
LITTLE-KNOWN CULTURAL FIGURES, EXPRESS "OUTRAGE" AT
SOLZHENITSYN'S BEHAVIOR, WITH LIBERAL USE OF TERMINOLOGY
LIKE "RENEGADE," "INTERNAL EMIGREE.", AND "TRAITOR." ONE
LETTER SAYS IT IS LIKE A "STAB IN THE BACK" THAT THE
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IS USED TO "BLACKEN" ACHIEVEMENTS OF
SOCIALISM. ANOTHER ASSERTS THAT IT IS ESPECIALLY "VILE"
THAT SOLZHENITYSN SLANDERS AND LIES ABOUT HIS COUNTRY
WHEN GREAT STRIDES ARE BEING MADE TOWARD PEACE. YET
ANOTHER SCORNS HIS SWISS LAWYER, OVERSEAS BANK ACCOUNTS
AND AUTOMOBILES, AND CLAIMS HE AGREES WITH TERRORISTS IN
CHILE, ZIONIST BANDITS, AND SMOTHERERS OF FREEDOM IN
VIETNAM. NONW OF LETTERS CALL FOR SOLZHENITYSN'S PUNISH-
ENT.

2. ON SAME DAYBN NOVOYE VREMYA RAN FULL PAGE ARTICLE
ENTITLED, "WHO APPLAUDS SOLZHENITSYN?" WHILE ZA RUBEZOM
ATTACKED HIM IN ARTICLE DESCRIBING ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN
OF WESTERN REACTIONARIES. NOVOYE VREMYA FIRST ALLEGES
THAT RADIO LIBERTY RECEIVED RIGHTS TO BROADCAST TEXT
OF GULAG FROM SOLZHENITSYN'S SWISS LAWYER FOR "$2,000"
AND POINTS OUT THAT RL FINANCED BY U.S. CONGRESS AND
EARILER BY CIA. ARTICLE THEN CLAIMS THAT BOOK WAS IN
HANDS OF PRINTERS IN EARLY SUMMER BUT PUBLISHING HELD UP
BECAUSE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT (I.E., AFTER BREZHNEV'S VISIT
TO BONN AND TIME OF VISITS TO U.S. AND FRANCE WHEN MOVE-
MENT TOWARD DETENTE STRONG). BOOK ALLEGEDLY PUBLISHED
AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF TENSIONS PRODUCED BY CHILEAN
AND MIDDLE EAST EVENTS AND MFN DEBATES IN U.S. CONGRESS.
ADDITIONAL FACTOR, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, IS DESIRE TO
DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM MOUNTING SOCIAL/ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS AND SCANDALS IN THE WEST.

4. ARTICLE ALSO CITES USIA OFFICICLAS QUOTED IN
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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE AS SAYING THAT "IN CON-
NECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
USSR AND U.S., "VOA WILL NOT BROADCAST TEXT OF BOOK.
ONE OFFICIAL QUOTED AS "THREATENING" TO CARRY "COMMENTARY."
ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT EVEN USIA THEREBY "RECOGNIZES THE
BOOK CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE POLICY OF DETENTE." BBC AND
DEUTCHE WELLE BROADCASTS  ATTACHED IN STRONGER TERMS.

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5. ZA RUBEZOM, AFTER LISTING ATTEMPTS BY WESTERN COLD WARRIORS TO UNDERMINE DETENTE, QUOTES CPUSA DAILY WORLD ARTICLE WHICH CLAIMS THAT SOLZHENITYSN HAS "RENEWED HIS ARRANGMENT WITH THE CIA," IN CONNECTION WITH RL BROADCATS OF HIS WORKS.

6. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT FIRST READER RESPONSE TO PRAVDA ATTACK ON SOLZHENITSYN APPEARED IN SPECIALIZED, RELATIVELY LOW CIRCULATION CULTURAL NEWSPAPER. THIS CONTRATS WITH ANTI-SAKHAROV CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS KICKED OFF BY LETTERS IN CENTRAL PRESS SIGNED BY PROMINENT FIGURES. OTHER ARTICLES SERVE PURPOSE OF WARNING DOMESTIC AUDIENCE OF WESTERN "SUBVERSIVE" EFFORTS AND FUELING SOVIET ARGUEMENTS ABOUT DANGERS OF FREER FLOW IN INFORMATION.DUBS

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